

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration with respect to the present application. Claims 9, 13-20, 23, 25, 27 and 28 are currently pending. Claims 9, 13 and 27 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Reasons for Entry of Amendment

As discussed in greater detail hereinafter, Applicant submits that all of the rejections have been rendered moot by the foregoing amendments to the claims. In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments as they remove issues for appeal (claims are cancelled) and place the current application in condition for allowance (only allowed claims are pending).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner has allowed claims 9, 13-20, 23, 25, 27 and 28. Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3-7, 11-12, 21-22, 24, 26 and 29-31. Accordingly, all of the claims of

the present application have been allowed and the present application should be passed to Issue.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 21, 22 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Electronic Circuit Parts Handbook (submitted by Applicant). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that these rejections have been rendered moot. Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3-7, 11-12, 21-22, 24, 26 and 29-31. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn and the present application should be passed to Issue.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 11, 24 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "The Electronic Circuit Parts Utilization Handbook" (Handbook reference hereinafter) cited by Applicant in view of Official Notice. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn and the present application should be passed to Issue.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew T. Shanley, Registration No. 47,074 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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